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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or the representative of the High Commissioner will open the 123rd session of the Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 17. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session.

In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the present provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. In accordance with rule 9, the Committee may revise the agenda during a session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items.

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3. Organizational and other matters, including the adoption of the report of the working group on individual communications

The 123rd session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2 to 27 July 2018. The first meeting will be convened at Palais Wilson, in the ground floor conference room, on Monday, 2 July, at 10 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 33 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it is apparent from the relevant provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights or its Optional Protocols that the meetings should be held in private.

Under the present item, the Committee will consider miscellaneous issues relevant to the Committee's business.

4. Meeting with representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations

At each session, the Committee hears representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations based in Geneva. Accordingly, the following meetings have been scheduled: on 2 July, with United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, from 10.45 to 11.15 a.m., and with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, from 11.15 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Algeria, Bahrain, the Gambia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic; and on 9 July, with United Nations organizations and specialized agencies, from noon to 12.15 p.m., and with national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations, from 12.15 to 1 p.m. on Liberia and Lithuania.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

The reports to be considered during the 123rd session are those of Algeria, Bahrain, the Gambia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia and Lithuania. A tentative schedule for the consideration of reports during the 123rd session, prepared in consultation with the Committee, is given below.

Schedule for consideration of reports under article 40 of the Covenant

State	*Report*	*Date*
Bahrain	Initial report (CCPR/C/BHR/1)	Monday, 2 July, afternoon Tuesday, 3 July, morning
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Initial report (CCPR/C/LAO/1)	Tuesday, 3 July, afternoon Wednesday, 4 July, morning
Algeria	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/DZA/4)	Wednesday, 4 July, afternoon Thursday, 5 July, morning
Gambia	In the absence of a report	Thursday, 5 July, afternoon Friday, 6 July, morning
Liberia	Initial report (CCPR/C/LBR/1)	Monday, 9 July, afternoon Tuesday, 10 July, morning
Lithuania	Fourth periodic report (CCPR/C/LTU/4)	Tuesday, 10 July, afternoon Wednesday, 11 July, morning

In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Accordingly, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its 123rd session.

Country report task forces will examine and adopt lists of issues on the reports of Angola, the Niger and Viet Nam, lists of issues prior to reporting for Germany and Israel and a list of issues in the absence of a report for Eritrea.

6. Follow-up to concluding observations on State party reports

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations will provide a progress report on his activities.

7. Follow-up to Views under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

The Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views will provide a progress report on her activities.

8. Consideration of communications under the first Optional Protocol to the Covenant

Mindful of the provisions under rule 95 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the working group on individual communications will meet prior to the 123nd session, from 25 to 29 June 2018.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been or appear to have been submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

A total of 730 communications were pending before the Committee as at 7 May 2018.

In accordance with article 5 (3) of the Optional Protocol and rule 88 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the present agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.